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**MESSAGE:****Information Disclosure Statement**

Applicants: Richard V. Halbert *et al.*  
App. No.: 09/677,095  
Filing Date: September 29, 2000  
Title: DYNAMIC MARKET EQUILIBRIUM MANGEMENT SYSTEM  
Atty. Dkt. No. 22930-06082

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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

<b>TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT</b>	<b>(\$)</b> 180.00
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Examiner Name	Robert Pond
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### FEE CALCULATION

## 1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity
<p>1. <b>Revenue Recognition</b></p> <p>Large entities use the <b>percentage of completion</b> method for long-term contracts, recognizing revenue as work progresses. Small entities often use the <b>cost of sales</b> method, recognizing revenue only when the contract is completed.</p>	<p>1. <b>Revenue Recognition</b></p> <p>Small entities often use the <b>cost of sales</b> method for long-term contracts, recognizing revenue only when the contract is completed.</p>
<p>2. <b>Inventory Valuation</b></p> <p>Large entities use the <b>FIFO</b> (First In, First Out) method for inventory valuation. Small entities often use the <b>LIFO</b> (Last In, First Out) method.</p>	<p>2. <b>Inventory Valuation</b></p> <p>Small entities often use the <b>LIFO</b> (Last In, First Out) method for inventory valuation.</p>
<p>3. <b>Depreciation</b></p> <p>Large entities use the <b>MACRS</b> (Modified Accelerated Cost Recovery System) for depreciation. Small entities often use the <b>straight-line</b> method.</p>	<p>3. <b>Depreciation</b></p> <p>Small entities often use the <b>straight-line</b> method for depreciation.</p>
<p>4. <b>Bad Debt Expense</b></p> <p>Large entities use the <b>allowance method</b> for bad debt expense. Small entities often use the <b>direct write-off</b> method.</p>	<p>4. <b>Bad Debt Expense</b></p> <p>Small entities often use the <b>direct write-off</b> method for bad debt expense.</p>
<p>5. <b>Lease Accounting</b></p> <p>Large entities use the <b>ASC 842</b> (Leases) standard for lease accounting. Small entities often use the <b>ASC 840</b> (Leases) standard.</p>	<p>5. <b>Lease Accounting</b></p> <p>Small entities often use the <b>ASC 840</b> (Leases) standard for lease accounting.</p>
<p>6. <b>Financial Statement Presentation</b></p> <p>Large entities use the <b>IFRS</b> (International Financial Reporting Standards) for financial statement presentation. Small entities often use the <b>GAAP</b> (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles) standard.</p>	<p>6. <b>Financial Statement Presentation</b></p> <p>Small entities often use the <b>GAAP</b> (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles) standard for financial statement presentation.</p>

Fee	Fee	Fee	Fee	Fee Description	Fee Paid
Code	(\$)	Code	(\$)		

<b>SUBTOTAL (1)</b>	<b>(\$)</b>
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## 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

	Extra Claims		Fee from below	=	Fee Paid
Total Claims	20 <sup>000</sup>	X		=	
Independent Claims	3 <sup>000</sup>	X		=	
Multiple Dependent				=	

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<p>2. <b>Inventory Valuation</b></p> <p>Large entities use the <b>FIFO</b> (First In, First Out) method for inventory valuation. Small entities often use the <b>LIFO</b> (Last In, First Out) method, which can provide a tax advantage in periods of rising prices.</p>	<p>2. <b>Inventory Valuation</b></p> <p>Small entities often use the <b>LIFO</b> (Last In, First Out) method for inventory valuation, which can provide a tax advantage in periods of rising prices.</p>
<p>3. <b>Depreciation</b></p> <p>Large entities use the <b>MACRS</b> (Modified Accelerated Cost Recovery System) method for depreciation. Small entities often use the <b>straight-line</b> method, which spreads the cost of an asset evenly over its useful life.</p>	<p>3. <b>Depreciation</b></p> <p>Small entities often use the <b>straight-line</b> method for depreciation, which spreads the cost of an asset evenly over its useful life.</p>
<p>4. <b>Bad Debt Expense</b></p> <p>Large entities use the <b>allowance method</b> for bad debt expense, estimating the amount of uncollectible accounts at the end of each period. Small entities often use the <b>direct write-off</b> method, recognizing bad debt expense only when an account is deemed uncollectible.</p>	<p>4. <b>Bad Debt Expense</b></p> <p>Small entities often use the <b>direct write-off</b> method for bad debt expense, recognizing bad debt expense only when an account is deemed uncollectible.</p>
<p>5. <b>Lease Accounting</b></p> <p>Large entities use the <b>ASC 842</b> (Leases) standard, which requires lessees to recognize most leases on their balance sheet. Small entities often use the <b>ASC 840</b> (Leases) standard, which allows for more flexibility in lease accounting.</p>	<p>5. <b>Lease Accounting</b></p> <p>Small entities often use the <b>ASC 840</b> (Leases) standard for lease accounting, which allows for more flexibility in lease accounting.</p>

Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
1202	50	2202	25	Claims in excess of 20
1201	200	2201	100	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	360	2203	180	Multiple dependant claim, if not paid
1204	200	2204	100	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	50	2205	25	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

<b>SUBTOTAL (2)</b>	<b>(\$)</b>
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**FEE CALCULATION (continued)**

### 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath or declaration	
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	120	2251	60	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	450	2252	225	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	1020	2253	510	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,590	2254	795	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,160	2255	1,080	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	500	2401	250	Notice of Appeal	
1402	500	2402	250	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	1000	2403	500	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	500	2452	250	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,500	2453	750	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,400	2501	700	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	800	2502	400	Design issue fee	
1503	1100	2503	550	Plant issue fee	
1460	—	1460	—	Petitions to the Director	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee for Provisional Applications	
1808	180	1808	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	180
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	790	2809	395	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810	790	2810	395	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801	780	2801	395	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify)

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: RICHARD HALBERT, ET AL.  
APPLICATION NO.: 09/677,095  
FILING DATE: September 29, 2000  
TITLE: Dynamic Market Equilibrium Management System, Process And  
Article Of Manufacture  
EXAMINER: Robert Pond  
GROUP ART UNIT: 3625  
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Under 37 CFR §§ 1.56 and 1.97-98

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Pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR §§ 1.56 and 1.97-98, enclosed herewith is modified form PTO/SB/08A listing references for consideration by the Examiner.

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- ☐ after the payment of the issue fee. Applicant requests that the information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement be placed in the file according to 37 CFR § 1.97(i), although the information may not be considered by the USPTO.
- ☐ Enclosed is a copy of each listed reference that may be material to the examination of this application, and for which there may be a duty to disclose.
- ☐ This application relies, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, on the earlier filing date of prior application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_, and the references cited therein are hereby referenced, but are not required to be provided in this application under 37 CFR § 1.98(d).
- ☐ This application was filed after June 30, 2003. Therefore, pursuant to the waiver of the requirements under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(i), copies of each U.S. Patent and each U.S. Patent Application Publication are not required to be submitted. Copies of any foreign patent documents and non-patent literature cited herein are enclosed.
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- ☐ Applicant submits that no fee is required for the consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Consideration of the listed references and favorable action are solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,  
RICHARD HALBERT, ET. AL.

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## **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Document No. Number - Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)	Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document
		US-096049774	04-2000	Roy
		US-5,377,095	12-1994	Maeda et al.
		US-5,873,069	02-1999	Reuhl et al.
		US-5,999,914	12-1999	Blinn et al.
		US-6,085,169	07-2000	Walker et al.
		US-6,101,484	08-2000	Halbert et al.
		US-6,141,653	10-2000	Conklin et al.
		US-6,141,666	10-2000	Tobin
		US-6,260,024	07-2001	Shkedy, Gary
		US-6,324,522 B2	11-2001	Peterson, et al.
		US-6,418,415	07-2002	Walker et al.
		US-6,473,740	10-2002	Cockrill et al.
		US-6,516,302	02-2003	Deaton et al.
		US-6,631,356	10-2003	Van Horn et al.

## **FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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## **OTHER REFERENCES - NON-PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS**

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